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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS -- U.S. STRATEGY CONSULTATIONS

1. JULY 21 MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF OUR STAFFS RESULTED
IN OUR MUTUAL AGREEMENT ON THE NEED FOR JOINT USUN NY/
USMISSION GENEVA/DEPARTMENT CONSULTATIONS ON U.S.
STRATEGY IN HUMAN RIGHTS. IN OUR VIEW, CONSULTATIONS
SHOULD FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING ISSUES:

A. STRATEGY CONCERNING PROPOSAL FOR UNHC FOR HR;
B. RESTRUCTURING OF THE UN HUMAN RIGHTS DIVISION;
C. THE CONVENTION AGAINST TORTURE;
D. U.S. RATIFICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONVENTIONS;
E. PROCESS FOR U.S. HANDLING OF HUMAN RIGHTS
COMMUNICATIONS AND OTHER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION;
F. PROCEDURES FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL
PREPARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS COMPLAINTS IN VARIOUS
INTERNATIONAL FORA.

2. IN AN EFFORT TO ENCOURAGE IMPROVEMENT OF U.S. IMAGE
IN THE UN REGARDING RATIFICATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS CONVEN-
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TIONS, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL DURING THE CONSULTA-
TIONS, TO MAKE AN ALL-OUT EFFORT WITH KEY CONGRESSIONAL
MEMBERS, TO BRING ABOUT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE
NEED FOR A BETTER U.S. POSTURE ON HUMAN RIGHTS CONVEN-
TIONS.

3. AS FOR TIMING OF CONSULTATIONS, WE BELIEVE THEY

SHOULD BE SCHEDULED IN WASHINGTON DURING THE PERIOD
AUGUST 8-11 SINCE VANDEN HEUVEL WILL BE IN THE U.S.
FOR ILO MEETINGS.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING YOUR VIEWS ON THIS
SUGGESTION AND ANY ASSISTANCE YOU CAN LEND IN ARRANGING
THE CONSULTATIONS. VANDEN HEUVEL

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